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1. [REDACTED] Chancellor Adenauer, in discussing Mendes-France [REDACTED] expressed great concern over the probability that he would have a great deal of difficulty in reaching an understanding with the French premier. The Chancellor considers Mendes-France a liberal Jewish intellectual; he drew a parallel between the present situation in France and that in the U.S. under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He said that, based on information made available to him, Mendes-France recently established a five-man advisory council that consists almost wholly of liberal intellectuals; they have a basic dislike and distrust of all Germans and it is impossible to make them realize that the Germans at present in power are honorable in their intentions of trying to reach an understanding with the French. Adenauer stated further that, as a result of the present political constellation around Mendes-France, it is most likely that attempts will be made to deal with the Soviets and come to an understanding with them. Chancellor Adenauer feels that all liberal thinkers have an inherent belief that one can deal with the Russians.

2. The Chancellor also expressed concern over political developments in Great Britain. Based on reports made to him, the Labor Party stands a good chance of winning the next elections. If this should happen, the Chancellor fears for the political future of his party and European integration.

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